

November 30, 2025

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

First Sunday of Advent



Worship Services

Sundays at 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Dinner Worship

5:45 p.m. followed by programs for all ages.

Flowers were given by Helen and Chuck Candea in celebration of their 66th anniversary.



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Welcome! We are glad you are here worshiping with us!

Visiting today? Stop by the Welcome Center in the Gathering Area so that we can connect with you.

Liturgist: Kathy Schirra

Prelude

"Prepare the way of the Lord."

Luke 3:4

Sarah Phillips
Pianist, Organist

Welcoming the Light of Christ

Welcome

***Lighting the Advent Candle**

Steve and Stephanie Wilder

One: In a world full of fear, where do you see hope?

All: We see hope when we look to the next generation.

One: We feel hopeful when we gather together.

All: We know hope, deep in our bones, when we dream of a better world.

One: You are right. Even in a fearful world, hope is all around us. Today we light the candle of hope as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that we have reason to hope.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn of Intention**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211

Children's Message

Rev. Alex Parisher

Offering and Offertory

Canticle for Advent

Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir
Russ Gartner, Director

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise God, the Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sharing Stories of God at Work Through Our Celebrations and Concerns

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, and *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Centering** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* UMH 206

Scripture Luke 1:5-13

Sermon *In the Time of Herod, We Long for God to Break In* Rev. Thom Kalb

***Hymn of Mission** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations* UMH 569

Leaning into Faith

Benediction

Following the Light of Christ

Postlude *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!"* Sarah Phillips
Zechariah 9:9 Pianist, Organist

*Please rise in body or spirit and worship.

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Attendance for November 16, 2025	
In Person Worship	Online Worship
Traditional – 226	Traditional - 104
Modern - 72	Modern - 18
Communion – 41	
Total – 339	Total – 122
In Person/Online Total – 461	



We are a Safe Sanctuaries Congregation. All volunteers are trained, and background checked.

Sensory bags and noise reducing headphones available at the Welcome Center.

Hearing loop installed. Please switch your hearing device to "T" - "T-Coil" - "Tele Coil" or consult your audiologist.